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Today's Advertisements.

NOTICE.

A GENERAL MEETING OF MERCHANT MARINE OFFICERS will be held at the CONNAUGHT HOUSE HOTEL, on FRIDAY, the 14th February, at 3.30 p.m. All Officers that are able are requested to attend.

SECRETARY,
Southern Rise Committee.
Hongkong, 12th February, 1902. [185d]

THE CHINA-BORNEO COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE THIRD ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS of the above Company will be held at the Office of the Company, No. 4, Queen's Buildings, on SATURDAY, the 1st of March, 1902, at 12 o'clock (Noon), to receive a statement of accounts to 31st December, 1901, and the Report of the Manager and Consulting Committee and to elect a Consulting Committee and Auditor.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 15th instant, to 1st March, both Days inclusive.
J. WHEELLEY,
Manager.
Hongkong, 12th February, 1902. [185d]

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

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Captain Bathurst, will be despatched for the above Port, TO-MORROW, the 13th instant, at Daylight.

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Hongkong, 12th January, 1902. [182d]

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NOTICE.

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SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA,
COLOMBO, BOMBAY, ADEN, EGYPT,
MARSEILLES, MEDITERRANEAN
AND BLACK SEA PORTS, LONDON,
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PORTS OF BRAZIL AND RIVER PLATE.

ON MONDAY, the 24th February, 1902, at 1 p.m., the Company's Steamship "SALAZIE," Captain Aubert, with Mails, Passengers, Specie and Cargo, will leave this Port for MARSEILLES, via BOMBAY.

This Steamer connects at COLOMBO with the s.s. *Australien*, which vessel takes on her Passengers and Mails leaving that Port on the 8th March, Direct to Suez, Port Said and Marseilles.

Cargo and Specie will be registered for London as well as for Marseilles, and accepted in transit through Marseilles for the principal places of Europe.

Shipping Orders will be granted till Noon, Cargo will be received on board until 4 p.m. Specie and Parcels until 3 p.m., on the 23rd February. (Parcels are not to be sent on board; they must be left at the Agency's Office.) Contents and Value of Packages are required.

For further Particulars, apply at the Company's Office.
P. DE CHAMPMORIN,
Acting Agent.
Hongkong, 12th February, 1902. [1904c]

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

NOTICE.

CONSIGNEES OF CARGO per Steamship

"CITY OF PEKING"
The above Steamer having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.
J. S. VAN BUREN,
Agent.
Hongkong, 12th February, 1902. [10]

Today's Advertisements.

NOTICE OF REMOVAL.

WE have This Day REMOVED to our New Premises in PRINCE'S BUILDINGS, Ice House Street.
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Hongkong, 12th February, 1902. [184d]

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DEATHS.

On the 5th February, at Vevey, Switzerland, EDWARD DAVIS, late of Shanghai, and formerly of Canton and Foochow; deeply regretted.

At the Homestead, Tai Pak Cheong (New Territory), on the 10th February, at a.m., CHARLOTTE MARY, the beloved wife of James Edward; aged 52 years. [183d]

The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 1902.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

The Mercantile Marine.

So far there have been no great developments in the situation which is arising out of the demand put forward by the Mates of the Coasting Steamers for an increase of pay. A representative of this paper, as noted elsewhere, this morning interviewed the heads of some of our principal shipping firms, but was unable to gain any great amount of information, owing to the fact that the owners do not appear to regard the demand put forward so seriously as do the men themselves.

We are told that the men regard the movement both here and in Shanghai as proceeding satisfactorily. If so, and they are apparently quite confident, it stands to reason that one or the other side must give in. Should it come to a fight between owners and men many interests will be affected. If, as the owners say, they can stand out and obtain plenty of other men at the terms now ruling, then the men must either submit or go to the wall. If, on the other hand, the men can, as they say, control the whole question by a unanimous refusal on the part of officers, both here and elsewhere, to accept any but their own terms, then the owners must perforce submit. The northern ports will soon be opening and the grand rush for cargo taking place and, in view of this, it will be interesting to observe the development of the dispute, if dispute it is to be.

Wei-hai-wei.

The announcement made by Lord Onslow regarding Wei-hai-wei, which we publish elsewhere, will come, we fancy, rather as a blow to those who have already invested capital in our northern possession. Most people were under the impression that Wei-hai-wei was to be made a naval base second only in importance to Hongkong itself, with a strong garrison, fortifications and workshops for the use of the Navy. Had this been so, then Wei-hai-wei's future was immediately assured. A certain proportion of the fleet would have been constantly stationed there or thereabouts and their presence, together with the garrison, would have attracted a certain amount of trade. But Wei-hai-wei as a Naval and Military Sanitarium and Wei-hai-wei as a strong Naval Base are two very different things.

Lord Onslow speaks very hopefully of the commercial future of the new Colony and pays well deserved tribute to Mr. STEWART LOCKHART to whom its administration is to be shortly entrusted. There can be no doubt that Mr. STEWART LOCKHART is the right man in the right place, and that he will strain every nerve to push the new Colony ahead, but he will start under very adverse conditions, with the bulk of the life blood of the place, so to speak, taken from it at the start. Wei-hai-wei, it must be remembered, does not possess the same advantages of geographical position as Hongkong. It is not, as Hongkong is, at the mouth of an immense river system and in close proximity to a large Chinese mart, but is far removed from trade centres, although certainly on the road to them. In our opinion, in order to attract trade to the port in any large quantity a very large outlay of capital would be needed. Wharves and godowns would have to be built and the port directly connected with the great railway systems which are designed to be, at some future date, the salvation of China. In other words, to succeed commercially Wei-hai-wei will have to compete, and compete successfully, with Tientsin, Chefoo and Newchwang, and taking into consideration the large difference in cost of carriage by water and by rail, we fear that there is not a particularly bright outlook. Still, Hongkong was damned in its early days, and it may be that Wei-hai-wei will rise superior to its, at present, seemingly overwhelming disadvantages. Nothing would give us more satisfaction than to see such prove to be the case and the port steadily advance under the able control of Mr. STEWART LOCKHART.

Unrest.

A perusal of our Tientsin Correspondent's letter which we published yesterday is not conducive at all to the belief that all our troubles in China are over and that, for foreigner and native alike, a golden summer time is about to dawn. In the north, according to our correspondent, a very bad feeling against foreigners in general exists and is increasing in intensity as time goes on. Threats to burn the Stand on the Tientsin Race Course have been made, and it has been found necessary to place a guard about the place. This certainly does not look as though China in general, or the Court in particular, had been very much impressed with the power of Allied Europe!

Another rather ominous sign is to be found in the fact that we have had no further news of the little plot by means of which the Empress Dowager was said to be hoping to draw the teeth of the notoriously anti-foreign Tung Fuh-sien. Tung has been neither cashiered, banished nor decapitated, and instead of his troops being disbanded we are told that he is busily adding to his forces and has agents in Tientsin, right under the very noses of the foreign Generals, purchasing arms. If one reads between the lines one is led to the conclusion that China is most certainly bent upon reform, but hardly upon the reform which the Powers would wish to see adopted. She is, in fact, feverishly anxious to arm herself and in nearly all of the so-called "reform edicts" this point invariably crops up. Even the disarming of the population, as ordered by YUAN SHI-KAI the other day, savours strongly of a desire to have all the available arms ready for government use directly they may be needed. Orders, and secret ones at that, have been issued to the various arsenals to push ahead and increase their output of arms and ammunition, and this does not wear a very peaceable aspect on the face of it.

We have also the frequently reported remarks of the Empress Dowager about "revenge," and her present attitude of loving kindness towards all foreigners hardly tallies with that assumed so recently as during the siege of Peking, when her subjects and most trusted advisers were clamouring for the heads of these same people who are now being so sweetly smiled upon. Again, it must not be forgotten that the Empress Dowager has given most explicit instructions regarding her late retreat, ordering that it be kept in apple-pie order, etc., etc., which looks as though that lady had more than a mere notion that she might ere long wish to return thereto. These things all taken into consideration, it most certainly would appear that the fears expressed by our Tientsin Correspondent are not altogether groundless.

REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

DE WET AGAIN ESCAPES.

LONDON, February 10th.
Commandant De Wet on the 6th instant was within an enclosure of our mounted troops, but realizing his position he ordered his men to disperse and seek safety. He himself succeeded in breaking the block house line by rushing cattle at the wire fence, and escaped mixed up with the cattle. The Boers lost 283 killed, wounded, and prisoners, and 700 horses, including a quantity killed, were captured. The British casualties were very slight.

WEI-HAI-WEI.

The Earl of Onslow, in his statement in the House of Lords, said that a careful en-

quity had shown that Wei-hai-wei was only

capable of fortification at great expense. The idea of fortifying the place and keeping a large garrison there had been abandoned, but it would be an extremely useful place for small arm and naval gun practice, and it might also be used as a Military and Naval Sanitarium. The Chinese regiment would be disbanded and replaced by police raised locally. The Colonial Office took over the Colony on the 1st January, and it was believed that under the administration of Mr. Lockyer (Stewart Lockhart?) its revenue would increase largely, and that it would become an important commercial port like Hongkong. The Government had no intention of surrendering or returning the place to China.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

PARCEL MAILS FOR EUROPE, &c., per s.s. *Parramatta* will close at 3 p.m. on Friday, the 14th inst.

NOT PLAGUE.—We are informed that the Chinese coolie found at Quarry Bay yesterday did not die of plague.

COMMUNICATION WITH THE NORTH.

The Amoy-Shanghai cable was restored yesterday evening. Both cables to Shanghai are now in working order.

THE FIRST GARRISON FLAG ever raised in the Philippines was hoisted on the 1st February at the Headquarters Post of Manila, with due ceremony.

SIR FRANCIS LOVELL, C.M.G., who is making a tour of the world on behalf of the London School of Tropical Medicine, is to visit this part of the world.

LADY MCCALLUM, the wife of the Governor of Natal, has arrived in England. Her ladyship has just recovered from a very severe illness, and she has gone to England for a change of air.

A NEW DEPARTMENT.—Washington, Jan. 29.—The United States Senate has passed the bill for creating a portfolio of commerce, and labour, the head of the department to have a place in the Cabinet.—*Shanghai Times*.

CRITICS UNCENSURED.—Washington, Jan. 29th.—The Senate has declined to take any action on the motion of Senator Dubois, to reprimand certain army officers for having criticised the Government on its Philippine policy.—*Shanghai Times*.

A SHELL EXPLODED over a dust boat yesterday while she was going to Gindrinkers Bay to empty rubbish. Three men were injured and the boat was damaged. Gun practice was being carried on at time from Stonecutters Island and it is presumed that one of the shells "went wrong."

KRUGER SENILE.—An Edinburgh telegram states that an influential Transvaal lady, who has just returned to Scotland from visiting Mr. Kruger, states that she found him in a condition of senile decay and employing a great part of the time of his secretary in writing out texts of Scripture.

NEW YORK, February 1st.—The court martial on Col. Metcalf, of the Kansas Volunteer Regiment, ended favourably to him. He was charged with having, after the battle of Calocan in 1899, caused the killing of two Filipino prisoners. The court finds that the killing of the natives was not with Col. Metcalf's knowledge and consent, and he is completely exonerated. The court adds a rider to the effect that the Government is recommended to confirm the Colonel's appointment as Pension Agent for the State of Kansas.—*Shanghai Times Special*.

FRANCE AND RUSSIA.—On the occasion of the New Year, President Loubet received a telegram from the Tsar expressing best wishes for France, and remarking that amongst the most agreeable souvenirs left by the year, just closed was that of the few days spent in the "beautiful, friendly, and allied country." The President, in reply, expressed warm thanks on behalf of France "the friend and ally of Russia." General Andre, the French Minister of War, also telegraphed to the Russian Minister of War, the good wishes of the French Army for the glorious Russian Army.

MISTOOK HIS CALLING.—An extraordinary and lamentable sequel to the murder of President McKinley recently recalled the sad event in the North-Western city of Minneapolis, where a man named Samuel Hogan was sentenced to three years in the State penitentiary for shooting Peter Kolik, soon after the McKinley assassination. Kolik is a Pole, and on being asked if he was an anarchist, replied that he was, whereupon he was shot. It afterward developed that he did not understand English well and supposed he was asked if he was an organist.

THE EMPIRE COMEDY CO.—A Tientsin contemporary has the following which may be of some interest:—This Company gave two more entertainments this week, but beyond the fact that the titles were altered, the programmes bore a close resemblance to those of last week, and the remarks we then made are again strictly applicable to the new performances. Mr. Steve Adson once more impressed us with his fine versatility and really remarkable ability as a comedian. The ladies dancing was again graceful and effective, though there seemed to be an absence of variety in the various poses and steps. With the exception of Mr. Hogan's number, the singing did not appeal to us, and the comedy in our opinion is devoted to too trivial and incoherent a type of "piece" to enable us to judge of the artists' ability.

THE LATE MASTER OF THE ROLLS.—The estate of the late Master of the Rolls, Sir Archibald Levin Smith, has been valued at £107,146 9s. 6d. gross, including personally of the net value of £94,052 8s. 10d.

THE OCCIDENTAL AND ORIENTAL STEAMER *GAELIC* which recently sailed from Hongkong experienced rough weather on her voyage up to Yokohama. She was boarded by a heavy sea that smashed a life boat and did other damage on deck.

CHIEF OF POLICE RANFORD D. BUCKMAN of the Pacific Mail steamer *City of Peking*, has been offered the position of marine superintendent at Cramp's shipyard at Philadelphia and will probably accept. He has been chief officer of the *Peking* for the past two years and is one of the Mail Company's most highly esteemed officers.

AT THE KALGOORLIE RECREATION GROUND, Western Australia, on New Year's Day a young son of Mr. Barnard, of Hongkong, won the Maiden Cycle Race of one mile in 2 min. 14 sec., and also the chief event of the day, the Caledonian Wheel Race, of two miles which he pulled off in 5 min. 13 sec., five seconds faster than either of the five heats.

THE DALLAS COMPANY arrived at Shanghai on Thursday last and were to open on the following Saturday, 8th inst., with "The Casino Girl" which was to be replaced to-day by "H.M.S. Irresponsible." Booking at the time the mail left was very brisk and hardly a seat was obtainable. After a short season at Shanghai the Company will come to Hongkong. Our readers will be pleased to hear that Mrs. Dallas has quite recovered from her late illness, so we shall have the pleasure of seeing her in some leading roles.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 1.—It is now considered that all hope for H.M.S. *Condon* must be abandoned. She left Esquimaux six weeks ago for Honolulu and has not been heard of since. There have been severe storms, and her power was not great. It has therefore been decided to institute a systematic search among the islands and reefs of the north-east Pacific for any traces of the wreck. Two British and two American revenue cutters have been detailed to make a thorough search for any trace of the disaster.—*Shanghai Times Special*.

FREIGHT FROM MANILA.—Messrs. Smith Bell & Co., Agents of the Indo-China Steam Navigation Co. Ltd., and the China Navigation Co. Ltd., Messrs. Warner, Barnes & Co. Ltd., Agents of the China and Manila Steamship Company, have notified exporters of cargo that from the 1st January to 30th June, 1902, a rebate of ten per cent will be paid on all freights of those who have confined their shipments from the Philippines to Hongkong by the lines represented by the above mentioned firms. Those exporters who confine their shipments to the above lines until December 31st, 1902, will be allowed a further rebate of ten per cent on cargo shipped to 30th June, and twenty per cent from that date to December 31st, 1902. Messrs. Castle Bros. Wolf and Sons recently made a reduction of 25 per cent on rates of freight to Hongkong by the steamers of the Toyo Kisen Kaisha, for whom they are agents, so it looks as if a freight war on the Manila to Hongkong run may be ushered in.

CLAIM FOR AN INJUNCTION.—In the Singapore Supreme Court a provisional injunction was asked for by Mr. Ellis, on behalf of Mr. Clifford Wilkinson, of "Tan San" fame, to restrain Messrs. McAllister & Co. from using the word "Tan San" to describe mineral water sold by them. After hearing arguments His Lordship reviewed the evidence, quoting it to show that the plaintiff's contention was that the word "Tan San" was originally introduced by them, and had got identified with their name, and that the use of it by the defendants would lead purchasers to believe they had got the original "Tan San" water when buying defendant's mineral water. His Lordship stated he was not satisfied that plaintiff had used the word "Tan San" by itself so as to entitle him to the exclusive use of it, and that was sufficient grounds for refusing the motion. On a statement that had been argued, as to whether the word "Tan San" was a word denoting generally mineral water, produced, and that it could not be claimed as a trade mark, His Lordship expressed the opinion, after quoting various other decisions, that the name itself could not be claimed as a trade mark.

STEN CEBERS of the Eastern Telegraph Company have landed at Cocos. The island, one mile long and half a mile broad, lies your hundred miles south-west of Java, and though nominally under the administration of the Straits Settlements, is governed by a Mr. Ross. The cable, which is the cause of the clerk's landing on the island, will join Ceylon to Australia, and be a great boon for Australia and South Africa, and will reduce the price and transit time of messages between Adelaide and England. Its total length is 15,000 miles and it is costing at least £3,000,000. The cable starts from Portsmouth, in Cornwall, to the Cape, thence from Durban to Mauritius, and on to Rodriguez, thence to Port Louis, and on to Adelaide (or Kokos or Keelung). The work of laying the cable has for the most part been carried out by the steamer *Scylla*, of the Telegraph Construction Maintenance Company, and the presence of the line will enable messages to be transmitted from England to many of her colonies without passing out of the hands of the Eastern Telegraph Company's clerks. The clerks will not carry money—their salaries will be banked in Batavia—for the only Cocos currency is the Cocos shell, twenty-five of which go to one farthing. They are to be supplied with provisions for a year and with ammunition in case of emergency.

COTTAM & CO. NEW BATS for the RACES.

COTTAM & CO. NEW SCARVES and TIES for the RACES.

COTTAM & CO. THE RAGLAN OVER COAT for the RACES.

THE HITSUI BUSSAN KAISER have removed to their new premises in Prince's Buildings, Ice House Street.

COMMUNICABLE DISEASES.—During the week ended 7th February the following cases of communicable disease were reported as occurring in the Colony:—Diphtheria, one fatal case; Enteric Fever, one fatal case; Small-pox, one fatal case, Chinese, imported from the Straits Settlements on the steamship *Hong Lee*.

FOREIGNER SENTENCED IN JAPAN.—A Kobe telegram of 7th instant to the *Shanghai Mercury* says: Mr. Guenther, arrested for wounding one of a mob of Japanese coolies trying to force its way into the godown of which he had charge, has been sentenced by the Japanese Court to one month's imprisonment with hard labour.

MAN-EATER SHOT AT JOHORE.—A male tiger that had been prowling about near Iskander Hall, Johore, of late, was shot recently. It is thought that the tiger and its female companion had killed, perhaps, thirty Chinese at various times within a few miles inland. The tiger was shot by Unkoo Ibrahim of Pahang, chief hunter to H. H. the Sultan of Johore, who did the business by sending a bullet through the brute's left eye and brain. Residents in the vicinity are very thankful that the district is rid of this dangerous animal.

THE CORONATION.—Dr. Matsukata, who is at present in Shanghai, recently received a telegram from his father, Count Matsukata, ex-Prime Minister of Japan, stating that the latter has been appointed Ambassador to represent Japan at King Edward's Coronation, along with Prince Kowatsu. The Count, it will be remembered, was for many years Finance Minister for Japan, and it was he who induced his Government to adopt the gold standard. He is one of the strongest of Japanese politicians. He will leave Japan in March, and travel via America. After the Coronation, he will tour the principal countries of Europe. Dr. Matsukata's business in Shanghai is in connection with his own dockyard at Kobe, his tender for the steam launch for the Pilots Association being under consideration.

A NEW MONTE CARLO.—Much interest is felt in Constantinople in the proposal to turn the island of Samos into a sort of Monte Carlo. The National Assembly, by twenty-two votes to fifteen, has passed a bill granting a concession for ninety-nine years, to a Belgian company to establish gambling-saloons, to be run on exactly the same lines as the Riviera resort. The Sultan has never yet countenanced the establishment of gambling-places in Turkey, although he has frequently been approached on the subject. He has the right of veto on acts passed by the Samos National Assembly, which otherwise is autonomous, the Prince of the Island being a Christian appointed by the Sultan. The island enjoys a magnificent climate, and has every possible advantage, and the syndicate is prepared to help in every way to develop its resources.

BRITISH NORTH BORNEO.—"Eastward Ho!" at the conclusion of a letter to the *Financial Times* says:—The very name British North Borneo is a byword to anyone out East from Ceylon to Shanghai, and you will never find a paper in Singapore or Hongkong or elsewhere saying one good word of it, and certainly it gets not one good word from any merchant or trader. "A Disputed Shareholders" advises the shareholders to get the Imperial Government to take the charter back from them. This would be difficult, but I would advise them to approach the Colonial Office for permission to allow the Straits Settlements or the Sarawak Government to incorporate the country, otherwise the country will drift and drift so long as the present Board continue not to take any interest, and simply allow mismanagement to continue at the head of affairs.

OBITUARY.—Very great regret was felt yesterday throughout the settlement when the news was learnt of the death on the previous day of Mr. Edward Davis, of Messrs. Wisner & Co., says the *N. C. D. News* of 7th instant. Mr. Davis came to Canton some thirty years ago as a partner in the firm of Oliphant & Co., and was well known and liked there and subsequently at Fochow. After the closing of the firm of Oliphant & Co., Mr. Davis established himself at Shanghai as a tea-inspector, afterwards joining the firm of Wisner & Co., and brightening his life by a union with the widow of Mr. Harold Vale of Shanghai. His health was not robust when he left China some two years ago, and he died at Vevey in Switzerland where he had gone for his health. Deep sympathy is universally felt for his widow and his two stepdaughters and daughter, by the many friends whom their sterling qualities attracted to Mr. and Mrs. Davis.

A CAT STORY.—"There are more things in heaven and earth," etc. The *Japan Mail* says that on the morning before the recent accident to the *Salmon*, that destroyer was lying alongside of the *Sturgeon* at Harkwich. Upon the former vessel dwelt two cats, who were the special pets of the crew, and who had never been known to show the smallest inclination to desert. But on this particular morning they made five separate attempts to get from the *Salmon* and on to the *Sturgeon* in spite of the fact that their advent was hotly resented by the *Sturgeon's* dog, and that the crew drove them away whenever they appeared. In spite, however, of being chased by the crew and worried by the dog, the cats never faltered in their determination to get off the *Salmon* and on to the *Sturgeon*, and when the first-named destroyer had weighed anchor for what was to prove a disastrous voyage, the cats made one last spring as the vessels separated, and landed themselves on the *Sturgeon's* deck.

COTTAM & CO., DENTS DRIVING GLOVES for the RACES.

THE MERCHANT MARINE.

WHAT THE OWNERS THINK.

It is perhaps somewhat premature to discuss the views of the owners regarding the demands of the officers of the Merchant Marine employed on the China coast. We are informed this morning that some of the principal shipping firms in the Colony have received a circular letter asking for an increase of pay from £14 to £20 per month for First Mates, from £8 to £14 for Second, and from £7 to £11 for Third Mates. Whether or not the owners will grant the requests at present remains to be seen, but from the general tone of their remarks it would appear that the proposal is not accepted with that seriousness which is perhaps warranted by the statements of the men. It is pointed out that their present rate of pay is far above that in vogue among the German and Japanese officers in similar positions, and the owners are not very greatly impressed with their action, seeing they are serving British firms in British interests. Whatever was done at Singapore could have no bearing on the case, for there the pay of the officers was far below the present rate in these parts, and with the increase granted the remuneration is now only equal to that paid to officers on the China Coast. Asked whether there was any prospect of the owners meeting the wishes of the men the principal of one of the largest shipping firms in Hongkong stated that if such an action was taken it would probably only be temporary, as there were many men not only willing and ready, but also capable of discharging the duties to the satisfaction of the owners at the present scale of remuneration.

THE KOWLOON LAND AND BUILDING COMPANY, LTD.

The thirteenth annual meeting of the Kowloon Land and Building Co., Ltd., was held at noon to-day at the Company's Offices, Victoria Buildings. There were present Messrs. J. Gosseman (in the Chair), E. J. Hughes, J. H. Cox, E. B. Sheppard, J. H. Michael, T. H. Reed, C. Georg, and M. S. Northcote (Acting Secretary).

The following report was presented:—
Gentlemen,—The Directors now submit to you a Statement of the affairs of the Company, and Balance Sheet for the year ending 31st December, 1901. The balance of Profit and Loss Account for the year, after writing off all Charges and Expenses, amounted to \$11,512.83. The Directors, therefore, recommend that a Dividend of One Dollar Eighty cents per share be paid, which, after writing off the Directors' and Auditors' Fees, will leave a balance of \$512.83 to be carried forward to Credit of a new Profit and Loss Account.

DIRECTORS.
Messrs. J. H. Cox and E. Jones Hughes retire by rotation, but offer themselves for re-election.

AUDITORS.
The Accounts have been audited by Messrs. Thos. Arnold and W. H. Gaskell, who retire, but offer themselves for re-election.

The Chairman said he regretted having to occupy the chair in the absence of Mr. F. Henderson. With their permission he proposed that the report and accounts, which had been in their hands for some time, be taken as read. Owing to the condition of house property in Hongkong they had considered it right, in the interests of shareholders to establish a gradual increase in rents which would account for the better dividend they were enabled to pay this year. All the figures which appeared in the report and accounts explained themselves and, in fact, the Company was run on such simple lines that he did not think he need detain them by any further remarks. He stated his willingness to answer any questions and, there being none asked, he proposed the adoption of the report and accounts.

Mr. Reid, in seconding, congratulated the management and the directors on the very economical lines on which the Company was run. He saw from the Statement of Accounts that the Directors' fees amounted to only \$150 all told, and that the cost of management—commission to agents, amounted to \$963.32. He thought the shareholders had every reason to be pleased with the manner in which the Company was managed, but in the forthcoming year he hoped it would be the policy of the directors to encourage people who were likely to remain as permanent tenants to take houses. It would be unbecoming of him as a shareholder to upbraid the directors for attempting to get the highest rents for their houses, but he thought the rents had now reached a point where they might be allowed to remain for some time. If they did permit them to remain they would be more likely to retain as tenants people likely to become, in some degree of permanency, permanent residents of the Colony. As a tenant as well as a shareholder he took the opportunity of again calling the attention of the directors to the fact that the water supply at Knutsford Terrace was exceedingly bad. It might be partially due to the inadequacy of the arrangements made by the Government for the supply of Kowloon, but in the case of some of the tenants it was due also to faulty arrangements in the supply. He hoped that in the coming year, as the Company was not likely to expend very much in the way of repairs, that an attempt would be made to rearrange the water supply of Knutsford Terrace so that the water would be distributed more equitably amongst the tenants from one end of the Terrace to the other.

The Chairman thanked Mr. Reid for the compliments and assured him that his further remarks would be considered. The motion was carried.

On the proposition of Mr. Michael seconded by Mr. Reid, Messrs. J. H. Cox and E. Jones Hughes were re-elected as directors.

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Mr. Michael proposed, and Mr. Sheppard seconded and it was agreed that Messrs. T. Arnold and W. H. Gaskell be reappointed auditors.

The Chairman thanked those present for their attendance, and informed them that the dividend warrants would be ready to-morrow.

HONGKONG Y. M. C. ASSOCIATION.

OPENING OF THE CHINESE DEPARTMENT.

The opening reception, in connection with this important branch of the Y. M. C. A. here, occurred last evening. By eight o'clock a large number of Chinese adherents, and many European friends of the movement, had assembled in the comfortable and spacious rooms in Des Voeux Road Central.

The Rev. W. J. Southam, the promoter of the Y. M. C. A. movement in Hongkong, introduced the president, the Hon. J. J. Bell-Iring who in an able exposition of the purposes of the Y. M. C. A. movement in general, and of that of Hongkong in particular, laid stress on the great importance of the formation of character in youth and early manhood, and its necessity to the well-being of the community of Hongkong, which needed men of integrity for the great future before it.

A speech in the vernacular from Mr. Dyer-Ball was very well received by the audience, whose appreciation was shown by frequent applause. The Rev. W. J. Southam spoke on the purposes of this department, giving particulars as to membership etc., and placing emphasis on the Christian character of the Association. He hoped that many would take advantage of the classes for Christian instruction, strictly optional as they were. He further hoped that the members would enjoy not only moral and social, but also mental and physical advantages. Applause followed Mr. Southam's eloquent and earnest speech.

A conversation, remarkable for its freedom from any stiffness, followed, and ample refreshments were provided, the ladies being to the fore in this department. During the evening Mr. F. G. Whittick sang appropriate songs, which were greatly appreciated. Mr. Sykes accompanying.

Among those present were the Lord Bishop, Ven. Archdeacon Bannister, Revs. T. W. Pearce, Bird, Gusmann, Wong, Good; Drs. Gibson, Glover and Thomson; Captains Benson and Steven; Messrs. J. Pitt, W. Janstey, Döring, Ho Wing, T. Young Gee, Ng Tien Po, S. V. Lee, A. Mackie, A. J. Mackie, E. Pearce, S. Moore, W. I. Wright, Stockhausen, the Misses Pettis, Eyre, Johnstone, Alexander, Finney; Mrs. Southam and Mrs. Benson.

FIRES IN HONGKONG.

During the last few days five or six fires have occurred in the Colony three of which broke out yesterday. The one which attracted most attention in Aberdeen Street has already been dealt with in these columns. At eight o'clock in the morning nine matchsticks and two stacks of grass were destroyed by fire at Quarry Bay. The coolies employed on the new work in progress in the district had been living in the matchsticks which were burnt.

About 8.40 in the evening a coolie bath-house, erected by the Sanitary Board at the end of Ship Street was destroyed by fire. The Brigade turned out but their services were not required.

CRICKET.

CRAIGENOWER CRICKET CLUB v. DIOCESAN SCHOOL PAST AND PRESENT.

A match between the teams of the above Clubs was played at the Happy Valley on Monday, the 10th inst., and after an exciting game resulted in a win for the latter by 5 runs.

CRAIGENOWER CRICKET CLUB.

L. A. Rose, b Herton	5
L. E. Lammert, c Goodrich, b Herton	4
R. Pestonjee, b Brown	11
H. Hartem, run out	22
R. Baza, b Brown	0
M. E. Asger, b Herton	0
F. Rapp, b Brown	3
H. Rapp, b Brown	2
E. Seth, b Brown	4
J. H. Seth, run out	0
A. E. Asger, not out	3
Extras	6

Total..... 60

2nd INNINGS.

R. Pestonjee, L. B. W. b Brown	6
L. E. Lammert, c Weittick, b Brown	7
L. A. Rose, c Herton, b Brown	6
R. Baza, not out	47
M. E. Asger, c Herton, b Brown	2
F. Rapp, b Brown	1
H. Rapp, b Ford	18
H. Hartem, not out	12
E. Seth	1
J. H. Seth	1
M. E. Asger	1
Extras	2

Total..... 101

DIOCESAN SCHOOL.—PAST AND PRESENT.

E. S. Ford, b Pestonjee	9
E. R. Herton, lbw, b Pestonjee	20
A. O. Brown, b Hartem	1
O. R. Chunniet, b Pestonjee	7
J. H. Gubbins, b Pestonjee	4
H. Goodridge, b Pestonjee	5
F. G. Whittick, run out	1
A. Munro, c Lammert, b Pestonjee	0
Fan Kam, c A. E. Asger, b Lammert	15
L. Le Breton, c b Lammert	0
J. Blumentberg, not out	4
Extras	8

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Intimations.



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PEKING NEWS.

January 29th.

THE IMPERIAL AUDIENCE.

The Diplomatic Corps, at one o'clock yesterday afternoon, had their first audience with the Emperor since his return from Si-an. The day was a perfect one and mild as Spring, and the streets were crowded with people gathered to view the brilliant cortege. There were about a hundred chairs in line and the display of gold and silver lace was most gorgeous. The Foreign Office sent an escort to each Legation to conduct the Minister and his staff to the Palace entrance and each Legation Guard also detailed mounted soldiers as a guard of honour. The entrance to the Forbidden City was made through the East Gate and the road thence to the corresponding gate of the Imperial City was guarded by files of Chinese soldiers and police. No soldiers were allowed to enter the Forbidden City and all mafions were compelled to dismount at the gate and lead their horses. After passing through several courts the chairs, except those of the Ministers and Chargés d'Affaires, were put down in the court of the Imperial Stud. The chiefs of the Legations were carried to the Chingün Gate, where they exchanged their own chairs for small open palanquins each borne by two men, in which they were carried to the foot of the steps leading through the Chien Ching Gate. Here they were met by members of the Foreign Board who escorted them to the Imperial Study, which had been put in thorough repair and was furnished with a number of tables loaded with refreshments. A pleasant half hour was spent in conversation, when all were summoned to the Chien Ching Throne-Hall for the audience. Her Imperial Majesty, the Empress Dowager, was seated upon the Throne behind a table on which lay a sceptre and several pots of chrysanthemums. A large number of high officials stood in line on either side of the Throne and on a low dais in front of it and raised not more than eight inches above the floor, sat the young Emperor in a chair covered with a sable robe. Before him was placed a table covered with yellow silk trimmed in black. His Majesty still looks feeble but is said by those who have seen him before to appear stronger than formerly. The Empress Dowager, though somewhat thin in face, looked otherwise quite rugged. Each Minister made the customary three bows as he entered and the whole Corps was arranged in three ranks. H. E. Baron Calkin, Dean of the Diplomatic Body, read the following brief address in French, which was translated by M. Morisse of the French Legation into Chinese.

THE DOYEN'S ADDRESS.

The Doyen of the Diplomatic Corps on behalf of the Representatives of the Powers at Peking, respectfully presents this address to Your Majesty, wishing Your Majesty peace. Inasmuch as the serious troubles of last year compelled the Court to take flight to the West and greatly disturbed the relations between our Governments and China, we have been for more than a year in conference with the Plenipotentiaries appointed by Your Majesty, and after so long a time, fortunately peace has been restored. On the 7th of September last the Protocol agreed upon was signed, and the long standing, friendly relations between our Governments and China have been happily restored as of old to the mutual satisfaction of us all. With the signing of this Protocol we are able to establish our relations upon a new foundation, and have reason to hope that by a faithful observance of the terms of this new agreement the intercourse between our countries will daily grow more intimate.

In Your Majesty's return and in the granting of this audience, we, the Ministers of the various Powers, are happy to see a complete settlement (of the troubles) and a proof of Your Majesty's desire to improve international relations and perpetuate good feeling. In this happy desire the Emperors, Kings and Presidents of our various countries heartily join, as we their Ministers standing before Your Majesty's Throne may venture to assure Your Majesty we, the Ministers of the various Powers, are happy to pay our respects and express the wish that Your Majesty may have a long and happy reign and that your Empire may greatly prosper.

Respectfully Submitted.

Prince Ching, who stood at His Majesty's left, knelt and received the Emperor's written reply which had been lying on the table. Rising, he read the Chinese which was translated sentence by sentence into French by H. E. Lien-fang of the Foreign Office. The reply was as follows:

HIS MAJESTY'S ADDRESS.

The united address presented to us by Your Excellencies, expressing such kind sentiments, has given us great pleasure. When the troubles of last year, stirred up by the "Boxers," compelled us suddenly to take our departure, we especially appointed a Prince, and a high minister, as Plenipotentiaries, whom we commanded to return to Peking to negotiate and settle a Treaty. That our temples and altars are restored to peace and our people saved from suffering is certainly due to the very friendly feeling entertained by the Emperors, Kings and Presidents of your countries as well as to the efforts made by Your Excellencies in our behalf. The universal rejoicing in China and abroad over the return of our Court will be ever gratefully remembered and is another source of pleasure and satisfaction. We heartily concur in the sentiments expressed by Your Excellencies that henceforth we should together by manifestations of sincerity and justice seek to promote mutual confidence and conducting our international intercourse in a harmonious manner, secure the peace of the whole world.

GIRAULT: NOVELTIES, BEAUTIFUL DOLLS, PLEASANT PARLOUR GAMES, CROQUET, &c. &c.

It is to be remarked that the use of the Manchu language has been entirely dispensed with, but the audience is especially noteworthy as being the first in which the Empress Dowager has openly occupied the Throne. At the conclusion of the response the Ministers and Chargés d'Affaires were one by one presented to His Majesty the Emperor, and afterwards to the Empress Dowager. His Majesty had nothing to say beyond a few words of greeting, but the Empress Dowager expressed her regret for the unfortunate events of 1900, and her assurances that they could never happen again. The Ministers took their leave, followed by the other members of the Corps, passing out through the door at the left of the Emperor's Mercury Cor.

GARRISONS FOR COALING STATIONS.

Sir John Colomb, M.P., has addressed to the First Lord of the Admiralty a lengthy memorandum on the question of garrisons for coaling stations, now under consideration of the Admiralty and War Office. Sir John argues that the transfer from the War Office to the Admiralty of the control and custody of coaling stations is a question the answer to which must be governed by purely naval considerations, and submits that the small amount of ammunition and the limited life of guns carried by warships tends to reduce the probability of their attacking very moderately defended fixed positions. Recent experience by sea and land suggests that the effect likely to be produced by artillery fire on moderately defended positions in proportion to the ammunition consumed reduces almost to a minimum the risk of attack by warships on such positions. Sir John therefore considers that we have exaggerated the risk and overdone the fortifications of coaling stations and consequently their garrisons. He does not therefore accept the War Office standard of the numerical strength of their garrison establishments as a guide for the Admiralty in the event of their taking over any of these bases. The memorandum goes on to state the writer's reasons for advocating the garrisoning of distant naval bases with Marines; but Sir John Colomb points out that the application of this principle should in his opinion be limited at first to one or two stations, and the garrisons of Hongkong and Wei-hai-wei are selected, in view of their importance and suitability. An increase of 5,000 Marines would provide, not only for their white garrisons, which aggregate roughly 2,500, but also for the relief of the garrisons, and the Colonial auxiliary Naval Reserve would be 2,500, or half the force maintained by the Mother-country for the two garrisons and their relief. The writer goes on to say it is not easy to understand the objection raised by ex-First Lords to the War Office proposals on May 11 last, that there would have to be such constant interchange of Marines between ships and shore as would seriously injure the efficiency of the ships. Another and a more serious objection was raised by Lord Goschen, whose words may be here quoted:—"Under the proposed change of system they (the Marines) would have three kind of service—service on board ship, service at Singapore or some distant station, and service at home. Out of which of the latter two do you propose to take the necessary time for garrison work? Are the men who are to be put into the garrisons to have shorter sea service because part of their time is to be spent in those garrisons, or are they to have less time at home? If they are to have less time at home, you remove one of the popular elements of the service, and if they are to have shorter time at sea, which is one of the strong points we have to consider." Now, if the garrisons of Hongkong and Wei-hai-wei were taken over by the Admiralty and garrisoned by Marines, 5,000 being added for that purpose, the period of service at home would remain the same, for there would be, roughly, 2,500 in garrison and 2,500 at home. The point, therefore, of this objection is limited to the question of sea service. But the 2,500 Marines at home would not be "ear-marked" as relief for garrisons abroad; they would form part of the general establishment, available for service afloat or ashore.

OF INTEREST TO MILITARY MEN.

ALTERATIONS IN UNIFORM.

At a time when the reduction of the expenses of officers is a subject of common discussion, it seems somewhat strange that further alterations in uniform should be in contemplation by the authorities. This however is the fact, and what at first sight will perhaps be found to be anything but a saving of expense. We are alluding to the numerous changes which are shortly to take place; for instance, it is settled that all gold lace worn on trousers is for the future to be abolished. Taking this as a specimen of the new alterations, we can only wonder what use there can be in them. Any officer who has worn gold lace stripes is aware of the number of years that they will last by judicious cleaning and reversing, and that gold lace not only assists to keep the garments to which it is attached in shape, but gives them an appearance of smartness and newness, but for which they would probably be discarded as unfit to wear long before they are really worn out. All sorts of other alterations are laid down to be adopted, shortly, amongst others a new drab coloured working frock; then again unders frock coats will replace the present dress, and very shortly all officers will be expected to appear in these at all social gatherings in the day time, and the use of muffs will be specially discontinued.—Broad Arrow.

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Hongkong, 28th January, 1902. [117d]

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE is hereby given that the REGISTERS OF SHARES of the Corporation will be CLOSED from SATURDAY, the 1st to the 15th day of February, (both days inclusive) during which period no Transfer of Shares can be registered. By Order of the Court of Directors, T. JACKSON, Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 28th January, 1902. [118d]

THE HONGKONG ROPE MANUFACTURING CO., LIMITED.

THE EIGHTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held in the COMPANY'S OFFICES, No. 11, Des Vaux Road, Victoria, on MONDAY, the 17th February, 1902, at 11 A.M., for the purpose of receiving Statement of Accounts and the Report of the General Managers for the year ending 31st December, 1901, declaring a Dividend and electing a Consulting Committee and Auditors. The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 12th to 17th February, both days inclusive. SHEWAN, TOMES & Co., General Managers.

Hongkong, 1st February, 1902. [143d]

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS. THE ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held in the OFFICES of the Company, Queen's Buildings, New Praya, on MONDAY, the 24th February, 1902, at 12 o'clock NOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts to the 31st December, 1901.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 10th to 24th February, both days inclusive. By Order of the Board of Directors, THOS. I. ROSE, Secretary.

Hongkong, 31st January, 1902. [130d]

HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS. THE THIRTY-THIRD ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS of the above Company will be held at the OFFICES of the Company, Pedder's Street, on THURSDAY, the 6th day of March, 1902, at 12.30 P.M., to receive a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1901, and the Report of the General Managers, and to elect a Consulting Committee and Auditors. The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 20th instant to the 5th March, both days inclusive. JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., General Managers.

Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Limited.

Hongkong, 3rd February, 1902. [157d]

ST. JOSEPH'S COLLEGE, HONGKONG.

OWING to the insufficiency of accommodation in the present building and the increasing demand for admission, it has been found necessary to extend the wings of the main building and to enlarge the Chinese department by an additional storey with two wings. To cover these expenses we appeal to the liberality of all friends of Education. The establishment has been in existence for the last 25 years and is open to all classes. Much of the clerical work of the city is carried on by its past pupils. As this is the first time we have applied for assistance we expect a generous response. The names of our most liberal Benefactors will be inscribed upon marble tablets in the new wing of their generosity. THE CHRISTIAN BROTHERS.

No. 10, Queen's Road, Hongkong.

Hongkong, 1st and 2nd November, 1901.

BRITISH NORTH BORNEO. WANTED.

AN EXPERIENCED FOREMAN for a Government Timber Mill. Must be thoroughly acquainted with the erection and management of Timber-cutting Machinery. Forward copies of recent testimonials and state Salary required to DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS, SANDAKAN.

3rd February, 1902. [151d]

TO BUSINESS GENTLEMEN.

BOARD AND RESIDENCE, 40, FORTRESS STREET, (Next Central Police Station).

CENTRAL POSITION, WELL FURNISHED ROOMS, BEST TABLE IN TOWN.

VACANCIES for a few Select Boarders. Terms on application to the Manageress. N.B.—Mrs. DANFORD wishes to notify gentlemen that she has removed from Wild Dell to the above commodious premises. Hongkong, 4th February, 1902. [125d]

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4th January, 1902.

To be Let.

TO LET. "THE KENNELS" MAGAZINE GAP.

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TO LET.

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Apply to THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY CO., LD. Hongkong, 1st February, 1902. [140d]

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Apply to THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY CO., LD. Hongkong, 2nd July, 1901. [709c]

TO LET.

HOUSES in CLIFTON GARDENS, CONDUIT ROAD.

GODOWNS at BLUE BUILDINGS. HOUSES at CAUSEWAY BAY, facing the Polo Ground. A HOUSE in RUPON TERRACE. "THE RETREAT" MOUNT KELLET.

Apply to THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY CO., LD. Hongkong, 11th January, 1902. [209c]

TO LET.

"CRAIGMIN WEST" MAGAZINE GAP.

Apply to THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY CO., LD. Hongkong, 6th January, 1902. [26d]

TO LET.

GODOWN—No. 54, DUNDRELL STREET.

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NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

(THE JAPAN MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY).



PROJECTED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.—SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

STEAMERS.	DESTINATIONS.	SAILING DATES.
HAKATA MARU	KOBE and YOKOHAMA	FRIDAY, 14th Feb., at Daylight.
BINGO MARU	MARSHALLS, LONDON & ANTWERP, VIA SINGAPORE, PENANG, CANTON and PORT SAID	SATURDAY, 22nd Feb., at Daylight.
KAGOSHIMA MARU	KOBE and YOKOHAMA	MONDAY, 24th Feb., at Noon.
KAGA MARU	VICTORIA, B.C. and SEATTLE, U.S.A., VIA MOJI, KOBE and YOKOHAMA	THURSDAY, 27th Feb., at 4 P.M.
KASUGA MARU	SYDNEY and MELBOURNE, VIA MANILA, THURSDAY ISLAND, TOWNSVILLE and BRISBANE	THURSDAY, 27th Feb., at 4 P.M.
AWA MARU	KOBE and YOKOHAMA	FRIDAY, 28th Feb., at Daylight.
KUMANO MARU	NAGASAKI, KOBE and YOKOHAMA	FRIDAY, 28th Feb., at Noon.
MIKE MARU	BOMBAY, VIA SINGAPORE and COLOMBO	FRIDAY, 28th Feb., at Noon.

* Through Passenger Tickets and Bills of Lading issued for the Principal Cities in the United States, Canada and Europe, in connection with the GREAT NORTHERN RAILWAY and Atlantic Steamers.

For further information as to Freight, Passage, Sailings, &c., apply at the Company's Local Branch Office at Prince's Building, 1st Floor, Chater Road.

A. S. MIHARA, Manager.

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Hongkong, 12th February, 1902.



THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

STEAM-FOR STRAITS, CEYLON, AUSTRALIA, INDIA, ADEEN, EGYPT, MEDITERRANEAN PORTS, PLYMOUTH AND LONDON. Through Bills of Lading issued for BATAVIA, PERSIAN GULF, COCHIN and AMERICAN PORTS.

THE Steamship

"PARRAMATTA" Captain R. T. Cook, R.N.R., carrying His Majesty's Mails, will be despatched from this for BOMBAY, on SATURDAY, the 15th instant, at Noon, taking Passengers and Cargo for the above Ports.

Silk and Valuables, all Cargo for France and Tea for London (under arrangement) will be transhipped at Colombo into a steamer proceeding direct to Marseilles and London, other Cargo for London, &c., will be conveyed via Bombay with Transhipment.

Parcels will be received at this Office until 4 P.M. the day before sailing. The Contents and Value of all Packages are required. Shippers are particularly requested to note the terms and conditions of the Company's Bills of Lading.

For further Particulars, apply to E. A. HEWITT, Superintendent.

Hongkong, 1st February, 1902. [14]

NORTHERN PACIFIC STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

SHANGHAI, INLAND SEA OF JAPAN, KOBE and YOKOHAMA.

FOR VICTORIA, B.C., AND TACOMA, IN CONNECTION WITH NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILWAY CO.

Steamers, Tons, Captains, Proposed Sailings.

Duke of Fife, 3,821, J. S. Cox, Feb. 22

Tacoma, 2,811, A. Dixon, Mar. 8

Victoria, 3,502, J. Pantano, Mar. 15

Braemar, 3,601, W. Watt, Mar. 22

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Excellent accommodation. First-class Table. Doctors and STEWARDESSES carried.

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The Railroad travelling is second to none on the American Continent, two trans-continental trains daily from TACOMA. DINING CAR is attached to trans-continental trains day and night; TACOMA to NEW YORK in 44 days. Magnificent Scenery of the ROCKY and CASCADE MOUNTAINS. The YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK route.

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Rates of Passage to other Points on application.

Special rates allowed to members of Government Services.

For further information as to Passage or Freight, apply to DODWELL & Co., LIMITED, General Agents.

Hongkong, 28th January, 1902. [1]

CHS. J. GAUPP & CO.

CHRONOMETER, WATCH, and CLOCK MAKERS, JEWELLERS, SILVER SMITHS, and OPTICIANS.

CHARTS and BOOKS. NAUTICAL INSTRUMENTS.

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Intimations.

HONGKONG RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

ON SATURDAY, the 14th instant, there will be a SPOON COMPETITION over the 700 and 800 yards Ranges. Subscriptions for the Long and Short Range Cups will be received on the Range. Members are reminded that the Annual subscription is now due and may be paid on the Range or sent to the Honorary Secretary, MOWBRAY S. NORTHCOTE, Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, 7th February, 1902. [31]

WANTED.

IN KOWLOON, Three Rooms with use of Kitchen and Bathroom; or to share a house.

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Hongkong, 25th January, 1902.

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CHOPS, STEAKS, etc., etc., at any time, between 7.30 a.m. and 11 p.m.

Monthly Bill at Moderate Rates.

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Hongkong, 2nd September 1901. [958c]

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THURSDAY.
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SAUNDAY.
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A hearty welcome given to all.

LATEST QUOTATIONS.

11TH FEBRUARY, 1902, P.M.

STATION.	WIND.	FORCE.	WEATHER.
Wladivostok	—	—	—
Tokio	—	—	—
Kochi	—	—	—
Nagasaki	—	—	—
Kagoshima	—	—	—
Taihu	—	—	—
Taihu	—	—	—
Tainan	—	—	—
Koshun	—	—	—
Pescadore	—	—	—
Putzlaif	—	—	—
Sharp Peak	—	—	—
Amoy	—	—	—
Swatow	—	—	—
Canton	—	—	—
Hongkong	—	—	—
Victoria Peak	—	—	—
Gap Rock	—	—	—
Macao	—	—	—
Haiphong	—	—	—
Manila	—	—	—
Bacolod	—	—	—
Iloilo	—	—	—
Cebu	—	—	—
Cape S. James	—	—	—

LATEST QUOTATIONS.

12TH FEBRUARY, 1902, A.M.

STATION.	WIND.	FORCE.	WEATHER.
Wladivostok	—	—	—
Tokio	—	—	—
Kochi	—	—	—
Nagasaki	—	—	—
Kagoshima	—	—	—
Taihu	—	—	—
Taihu	—	—	—
Tainan	—	—	—
Koshun	—	—	—
Pescadore	—	—	—
Putzlaif	—	—	—
Sharp Peak	—	—	—
Amoy	—	—	—
Swatow	—	—	—
Canton	—	—	—
Hongkong	—	—	—
Victoria Peak	—	—	—
Gap Rock	—	—	—
Macao	—	—	—
Haiphong	—	—	—
Manila	—	—	—
Bacolod	—	—	—
Iloilo	—	—	—
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B'bay v. S'ow & C'mbo.	Milke Maru.	Nippon Yusen Kaisha.	Feb. 28, at noon.
B'bay v. S'ow & Penang.	Bormida.	Carlowitz & Co.	Feb. 14, at noon.
Bremen & Ports of Call.	Preussen.	Melchers & Co.	June 12, at noon.
"	Hamburg.	"	Feb. 10, at noon.
"	Sachsen.	"	Mar. 5, at noon.
"	Kiautschou.	"	Mar. 19, at noon.
"	Bayern.	"	April 2, at noon.
"	Stuttgart.	"	April 16, at noon.
"	Konig Albert.	"	April 30, at noon.
"	Princess Irene.	"	May 14, at noon.
"	Prinz Heinrich.	"	May 28, at noon.
Cebu and Iloilo.	Kaifong.	Butterfield & Swire.	Feb. 12.
F'chow v. S'ow & Amoy.	Anping Maru.	Mitsui Bussan Kaisha.	Feb. 20.
Haiphong and Hamburg.	Konigsberg.	Hamburg-Amka Linie.	Mar. 27.
"	C. Fred. Loebe.	"	Feb. 26.
"	Andalusia.	"	Mar. 15.
"	Bamberg.	"	April 10.
"	Armenia.	"	April 21.
Japan.	Kumano Maru.	Nippon Yusen Kaisha.	Feb. 21, at noon.
Kobe and Yokohama.	Awa Maru.	Nippon Yusen Kaisha.	Feb. 28, at daylight.
"	Hiakata Maru.	"	Feb. 14, at daylight.
Liverpool.	Tydeus.	Butterfield & Swire.	Feb. 15.
"	Idomeneus.	"	March 15.
"	Ajax.	"	March 4.
"	Ulysses.	"	March 15.
"	Antenor.	"	March 26.
"	Glenagarry.	McGregor Bros. & Gow.	Feb. 26.
London & Ports of Call.	Parramatta.	P. & O. S. N. Co.	Feb. 15, at noon.
Manila.	Rosetta Maru.	Mitsui Bussan Kaisha.	Feb. 17, at noon.
"	Sungkiang.	Butterfield & Swire.	Feb. 15.
"	Rubi.	Shewan, Tomes & Co.	Feb. 14, at noon.
"	Yungking.	Yardine, Matheson & Co.	Feb. 13, at 4 p.m.
Manila, Port of Call.	Salazar.	Messageries M'lines Co.	Feb. 24, at 1 p.m.
Marseilles, London, &c.	Orienta.	P. & O. S. N. Co.	Mar. 29, 1902.
"	Bingo Maru.	Nippon Yusen Kaisha.	Feb. 24, at noon.
Moji, Kobe & Y'hama.	Kagoshima Maru.	"	Feb. 20.
Port Darwin, &c.	Changsha.	Butterfield & Swire.	Feb. 20.
Portland, (Or.)	Indrapura.	Portland & Asiatic Co.	About Feb. 20.
San Diego & San F'co.	Strathgyle.	Butterfield & Swire.	Feb. 28.
San Francisco v. Japan.	America Maru.	Fuyo Kisen Kaisha.	Feb. 13, at daylight.
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"	China.	Pacific Mail S.S. Co.	Feb. 18, at noon.
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"	Ballarat.	P. & O. S. N. Co.	Feb. 13, at noon.
Singapore and Hongkong.	Pekin.	"	Feb. 13, at noon.
Singapore, Penang, &c.	China.	Sander, Wieler & Co.	Feb. 15, at noon.
S'ow, Penang & C'ta.	Laisang.	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	Feb. 15, at noon.
Swatow.	Halloong.	Douglas, Laprak & Co.	Feb. 14, at daylight.
Sydney & Melbourne.	Kasuga Maru.	Nippon Yusen Kaisha.	Feb. 27, at 4 p.m.
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Cebu and Iloilo.	Kaifong.	Butterfield & Swire.	Feb. 12.
F'chow v. S'ow & Amoy.	Anping Maru.	Mitsui Bussan Kaisha.	Feb. 20.
Haiphong and Hamburg.	Konigsberg.	Hamburg-Amka Linie.	Mar. 27.
"	C. Fred. Loebe.	"	Feb. 26.
"	Andalusia.	"	Mar. 15.
"	Bamberg.	"	April 10.
"	Armenia.	"	April 21.
Japan.	Kumano Maru.	Nippon Yusen Kaisha.	Feb. 21, at noon.
Kobe and Yokohama.	Awa Maru.	Nippon Yusen Kaisha.	Feb. 28, at daylight.
"	Hiakata Maru.	"	Feb. 14, at daylight.
Liverpool.	Tydeus.	Butterfield & Swire.	Feb. 15.
"	Idomeneus.	"	March 15.
"	Ajax.	"	March 4.
"	Ulysses.	"	March 15.
"	Antenor.	"	March 26.
"	Glenagarry.	McGregor Bros. & Gow.	Feb. 26.
London & Ports of Call.	Parramatta.	P. & O. S. N. Co.	Feb. 15, at noon.
Manila.	Rosetta Maru.	Mitsui Bussan Kaisha.	Feb. 17, at noon.
"	Sungkiang.	Butterfield & Swire.	Feb. 15.
"	Rubi.	Shewan, Tomes & Co.	Feb. 14, at noon.
"	Yungking.	Yardine, Matheson & Co.	Feb. 13, at 4 p.m.
Manila, Port of Call.	Salazar.	Messageries M'lines Co.	Feb. 24, at 1 p.m.
Marseilles, London, &c.	Orienta.	P. & O. S. N. Co.	Mar. 29, 1902.
"	Bingo Maru.	Nippon Yusen Kaisha.	Feb. 24, at noon.
Moji, Kobe & Y'hama.	Kagoshima Maru.	"	Feb. 20.
Port Darwin, &c.	Changsha.	Butterfield & Swire.	Feb. 20.
Portland, (Or.)	Indrapura.	Portland & Asiatic Co.	About Feb. 20.
San Diego & San F'co.	Strathgyle.	Butterfield & Swire.	Feb. 28.
San Francisco v. Japan.	America Maru.	Fuyo Kisen Kaisha.	Feb. 13, at daylight.
"	Hongkong Maru.	"	Mar. 8, at noon.
"	China.	Pacific Mail S.S. Co.	Feb. 18, at noon.
"	City of Peking.	"	Feb. 28, at noon.
"	Gaelic.	O'dental & O'tal S.S. Co.	Mar. 23, at noon.
"	Ballarat.	P. & O. S. N. Co.	Feb. 13, at noon.
Singapore and Hongkong.	Pekin.	"	Feb. 13, at noon.
Singapore, Penang, &c.	China.	Sander, Wieler & Co.	Feb. 15, at noon.
S'ow, Penang & C'ta.	Laisang.	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	Feb. 15, at noon.
Swatow.	Halloong.	Douglas, Laprak & Co.	Feb. 14, at daylight.
Sydney & Melbourne.	Kasuga Maru.	Nippon Yusen Kaisha.	Feb. 27, at 4 p.m.
"	Guthrie.	Sander, Wieler & Co.	Feb. 27, at noon.
Tamsui v. Amoy & S'ow.	Dajin Maru.	Mitsui Bussan Kaisha.	Feb. 16.
"	Daigi Maru.	"	Feb. 23.
Vancouver, v. S'hai, &c.	Empress of Japan.	Canadian Pac. R. Co.	Mar. 12, at noon.
"	Empress of China.	"	About Feb. 15.
"	Empress of India.	"	April 23, at noon.
"	Athenian.	"	April 10, at noon.
Victoria, B.C., &c.	Duke of F		

Post Office.

A Mail will close—

For Canton—Per *Hankow*, to-morrow, the 13th instant, at 7.30 A.M.
 For Bangkok—Per *Phra Chula Chom Klao*, to-morrow, the 13th instant, at 9 A.M.
 For Haiphong—Per *Sulberg*, to-morrow, the 13th instant, at 9 A.M.
 For Chefoo—Per *Chiao Maru*, to-morrow, the 13th instant, at 9 A.M.
 For Singapore and Bombay—Per *Pekin*, to-morrow, the 13th instant, at 11 A.M.
 For Macao—Per *Heungshan*, to-morrow, the 13th instant, at 1.15 P.M.
 For Kunchuck and Samshui—Per *Tung-kong*, to-morrow, the 13th instant, at 3 P.M.
 For Manila—Per *Huang*, to-morrow, the 13th instant, at 3 P.M.
 For Swatow and Bangkok—Per *Wongkai*, to-morrow, the 13th instant, at 4 P.M.
 For Takao and Anping—Per *Keelung Maru*, to-morrow, the 13th instant, at 5 P.M.
 For Swatow and Shanghai—Per *Wingwang*, to-morrow, the 13th instant, at 5 P.M.
 For Hailow—Per *Hailan*, to-morrow, the 13th instant, at 5 P.M.
 For Canton—Per *Pawan*, to-morrow, the 13th instant, at 5 P.M.
 For Canton—Per *Honam*, on Friday, the 14th instant, at 7.30 A.M.
 For Singapore, Penang and Bombay—Per *Bormida*, on Friday, the 14th instant, at 11 A.M.
 For Manila—Per *Rubi*, on Friday, the 14th instant, at 11 A.M.
 For Kobe—Per *Hopang*, on Friday, the 14th instant, at 2 P.M.
 For Singapore, Penang and Calcutta—Per *Laisang*, on Saturday, the 15th inst., at 10 A.M.
 For Europe, etc., India, via Tuticorin—Per *Parranatta*, on Saturday, the 15th instant, at 11 A.M.
 For Shanghai—Per *Hangsang*, on Saturday, the 15th instant, at 3 P.M.
 For Manila—Per *Shanghai*, on Saturday, the 15th instant, at 4 P.M.
 For Sandakan—Per *Mausang*, on Tuesday, the 18th instant, at 11 A.M.
 For Europe, etc., India, via Tuticorin—Per *Hanlung*, on Wednesday, the 19th instant, at 11 A.M.
 For Manila, Singapore, Port Darwin, Thursday Island, Cooktown, Cairns, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney and Melbourne—Per *Chang-sha*, on Thursday, the 20th instant, at 4 P.M.
 For Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Yokohama, Victoria and Vancouver, B.C.—Per *Alhentan*, on Wednesday, the 26th instant, at 11 A.M.

EXCHANGE.

Hongkong, 12th February.

ON LONDON, Telegraphic Transfer	110
Bank Bills, on demand	110 1/16
Credits, 4 months' sight	110 7/16
Diments, 4 months' sight	110 9/16
ON BERLIN, (demand)	M. 1.872
ON PARIS, Bank Bills, on demand	2.31
Credits, 4 months' sight	2.33
ON NEW YORK, Bank Bills, on demand	44 1/2
Credits, 30 days' sight	45 1/2
ON BOMBAY, Telegraphic Transfer	136 1/2
On demand	137 1/2
ON SHANGHAI, Telegraphic Transfer	72 1/2
Private 30 days' sight	nom.
ON YOKOHAMA, T.T.	11 1/2 prem.
Sovereigns, Bank's Buying Rate	\$10.84
Gold Leaf 100 touch, per tael	55.95
Bar Silver	25 1/2
Dollars	nom.

VESSELS IN PORT.

Steamers.

AMERICA MARU, Japanese steamer, 3,460, P. H. Gung, 2nd Feb., San Francisco 25th Jan., via Honolulu 11th, Yokohama 25th, Kobe 26th, Nagasaki 28th, and Shanghai 31st, Mails and General.—J. S. Van Buren.
 ANDALUSIA, German steamer, 3,555, W. F. Dohren, 11th Feb., Hamburg via Ports 22nd Dec., and Singapore 2nd Feb., General.—Siemssen & Co.
 ANNA, Austrian steamer, 1,317, R. Stuparich, 8th Feb., Moji 2nd Feb., Coal.—Doddwell & Co., Ltd.
 BAIKAL, Russian steamer, 717, Kashkin, 13th Jan., Manila 9th, Ballast.—Order.
 BORMIDA, Italian steamer, 1,499, G. Belsito, 6th Feb., Bombay 17th Jan., and Singapore 29th, General.—Calloway & Co.
 BRAEMAR, British steamer, 2,316, Wm. Watt, 4th Feb., Tacoma via Ports 31st Dec., General.—Doddwell & Co., Ltd.
 BYGONO, Norwegian steamer, 771, Th. Carlsen, 12th Jan., Mauritius 10th Dec., and Singapore 3rd Jan., Sugar.—Sander, Wieler & Co.
 CARL DIEDERICHSEN, German steamer, 774, H. Bendixen, 6th Feb., Haiphong 30th Jan., and Hailow 5th Feb., General.—Jensen & Co.
 CHANGSHA, British steamer, 1,463, T. Moore, 9th Feb., Kobe 31st Jan., and Moji 3rd Feb., General.—Butterfield & Swire.
 CHIVO MARU, Japanese steamer, 1,240, Noshahima 5th Feb., Chefoo 28th Jan., General.—Chinese.
 CHIVUEN, American str., 1,230, H. Steeman, 7th Feb., Canton 6th Feb., General.—C. M. S. N. Co.
 DAPHNE, German steamer, 1,291, E. Schipper, 1st Feb., Swatow 31st Jan., Ballast.—Siemssen & Co.
 DORIS, Norwegian steamer, 955, K. Jacobsen, 9th Feb., Moji 2nd Feb., Coal.—Order.
 ERICA, German steamer, 1,217, Zindel, 20th Jan., Singapore 12th Jan., General.—Jensen & Co.
 HAILONG, British steamer, 783, H. Bathurst, 9th Feb., Pakhoi 7th Feb., General.—Douglas, Laprak & Co.
 HANG SANG, British steamer, 1,350, S. Wilde, 27th Jan., Swatow 26th Jan., General.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.
 HINGANG, British steamer, 1,537, P. M. B. Lake, 6th Feb., Moji 31st Jan., Coal.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.
 HOLSTEIN, German steamer, 1,185, M. J. pland, 7th Feb., Saigon 1st Feb., Rice.—Kwong Fat.
 HOP SANG, British steamer, 1,358, H. Roope, 5th Feb., Hongay 3rd Feb., Coal.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.
 KAIFONG, British steamer, 1,924, G. H. Pennefather, 7th Feb., Cebu via Amoy 1st Feb., Hemp and Sugar.—Butterfield & Swire.
 KEBLUNG MARU, Japanese steamer, 1,934, K. Sakashima, 9th Feb., Moji 29th Jan., Coal.—Mitsui Bussan Kaisha.
 KONGWANG, German steamer, 1,115, A. von Riegen, 11th Feb., Bangkok 2nd Feb., General.—Melchers & Co.
 KONG BEG, German steamer, 862, W. Möller-mann, 7th Feb., Bangkok 30th January, General.—Butterfield & Swire.
 KVARVEN, Norwegian steamer, 1,576, J. Kanity, 5th Feb., Moji 30th Jan., Coal.—Butterfield & Swire.
 KYOTO MARU, Japanese steamer, 1,650, T. Sakurai, 4th Feb., Kuchino 29th Jan., Coal.—Mitsui Bussan Kaisha.
 LAI SANG, British steamer, 2,225, C. Payne, 8th Feb., Calcutta 23rd Jan., and Singapore 1st Feb., General and Opium.

MAUSANG, British steamer, 1,644, W. D. Welsh, 30th Jan., Sandakan 3rd Jan., Timber and General.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.
 NANSHAN, British steamer, 1,299, H. N. Holton, 6th Feb., Sourabaya (Java) 24th Jan., General.—Bradley & Co.
 NESS, British steamer, 1,963, W. Pearl, 10th Feb., Kuchino 5th Feb., Coal.—Mitsui Bussan Kaisha.
 ORO, British steamer, 1,299, W. Smith, 5th Feb., Singapore 26th Jan., General.—Doddwell & Co., Ltd.
 PEKIN, British steamer, 3,957, F. J. Fox, 11th Feb., Kobe 4th Feb., General.—P. & O. S. N. Co.
 PELAYO, British steamer, 1,100, Prynn, 4th Feb., Philippines 1st Feb., Petroleum.—Geo. McBain.
 PETRARCHI, German steamer, 1,254, H. Uecker, 20th Dec., Labuan 12th Dec., Sugar.—Sander, Wieler & Co.
 PHRA CHULA CHOM KLAO, German steamer, 1,012, C. Kumpel, 1st Feb., Bangkok and Ang Hin 25th Jan., Rice.—Butterfield & Swire.
 QUARTA, German steamer, 1,146, H. Johannsen, 9th Feb., Shanghai 6th Feb., General.—Siemssen & Co.
 RUBI, British steamer, 1,611, R. W. Almond, 8th Feb., Manila 6th Feb., General.—Sheehan, Thomas & Co.
 SALAMANGA, British steamer, 883, J. H. Anderson, 16th Dec., Moji 9th Dec., Coal.—Bradley & Co.
 SANDAKAN, German steamer, 1,374, A. Brandstetter, 7th Feb., Sandakan via Ports 1st Feb., Timber and General.—Melchers & Co.
 SULLBERG, German steamer, 782, J. Jensen, 7th Feb., Haiphong 1st Feb., Rice.—A. R. Marty.
 SUNGKIANG, British steamer, 1,921, Outerbridge, 9th Feb., Cebu 4th Feb., Sugar and Hemp.—Butterfield & Swire.
 TAICHOW, German steamer, 826, W. Rehner, 10th Feb., Bangkok 27th Jan., Rice.—Butterfield & Swire.
 TAI FU, German steamer, 1,065, H. Martens, 8th Feb., Bangkok 31st Jan., Rice and General.—Tung Kee.
 TRITOS, German steamer, 1,030, H. Clausen, 11th Feb., Saigon 6th Feb., Rice and Rice-meal.—Kong Fat.
 TSINTAU, German steamer, 1,006, J. Sanders, 5th Feb., Bangkok 28th Jan., Rice.—Butterfield & Swire.
 WONGKAI, German steamer, 1,118, W. Bartling, 1st Feb., Bangkok 22nd Jan., Teakwood and Rice.—Butterfield & Swire.
 YUEKING, British steamer, 1,128, P. H. Rolfe, R.N.R. 8th Feb., Manila 5th February, General.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.
 YUNNAN, British steamer, 1,206, W. Benson, 9th Feb., Barry 21st Dec., Coal.—Butterfield & Swire.

Sailing Vessels.

DUNSLAW, British barque, 1,531, Nichol, 30th Jan., Cardiff 28th Aug., Coal.—Admiralty.
 HERZOG JOHANN ALBRECHT, German schooner, 701, Andersen, 10th October, Manila 6th Oct., General.—Master.
 IVY, American ship, 1,181, Stittion, 30th Jan., Medora 15th Nov., Timber.—Order.
 LOTHAR, Italian bark, 678, Borzo, 24th Jan., Callao 10th Nov., Sugar.—Carlowitz & Co.
 LUCIA, British bark, 630, A. Andersen, 19th Jan., Rajang (Borneo) 22nd Dec., Timber.—Sander, Wieler & Co.
 MATOYA MARU, Japanese schooner, 121, Doch, 27th Jan., Manila 20th Jan., Ballast.—Master.
 NIOLA, Norwegian bark, 649, Cardain, 3rd Jan., Freemantle, Wash. and Australia 21st Oct., Sandalwood.—Order.
 NORMIA, German bark, 1,921, F. Rowe, 18th Jan., Cardiff 23rd May, Coal.—E. A. Trading Co.
 SIERRA MIRANDA, British ship, 1,740, A. Macdonald, 2nd Feb., Cardiff 25th Sept., Fuel.—Admiralty.
 VALE OF DOON, British bark, 659, J. Petersen, 16th Dec., Rajang 18th Nov., Timber.—Sander, Wieler & Co.
 WEST YORK, British bark, 706, W. S. Forster, 20th Dec., Callao 14th Oct., Ballast.—E. A. Trading Co.

HIS BRITANNIC MAJESTY'S SHIPS ON THE CHINA STATION.

Hongkong, February 12th, 1902.

Alarid, despatch-vessel, 1,700 tons, 10 guns, 3,000 i.h.p., Comdr. S. E. Easkine, Hongkong.
Albion, 1st-class battleship, 12,900 tons, 13,500 i.h.p., 16 guns, Capt. W. W. Hewitt, Hongkong.
Algerine, sloop, 1,050 tons, 6 guns, 1,100 i.h.p., Comdr. W. Carey, Newsway.
Arelhusa, 2nd-class cruiser, 4,300 tons, 10 guns, 5,000 i.h.p., Capt. J. Starin, Shanghai.
Argonaut, 1st-class cruiser, 11,000 tons, 16,500 i.h.p., 16 guns, Capt. G. H. Cherry, R.N., Wei-hai-wei.
Astrac, 2nd-class cruiser, 4,300 tons, 7,000 i.h.p., 10 guns, Capt. C. J. Baker, Hongkong.
Aurora, 1st-class cruiser, 5,600 tons, 8,500 i.h.p., 12 guns, Capt. E. H. Bayly, C.B., en route Singapore.
Blenheim, 1st-class cruiser, 9,000 tons, 12 guns, 21,411 i.h.p., Capt. F. H. Henderson, C.M.G., Amoy.
Bramble, 1st-class gunboat, 710 tons, 1,300 i.h.p., 6 guns, Lieut. and Comdr. F. M. Lenke, Hongkong.
Brisk, 3rd-class cruiser, 1,700 tons, 6 guns, 5,000 i.h.p., Commander E. H. Martin, Singapore.
Brigantini, 1st-class gunboat, 710 tons, 1,300 i.h.p., 6 guns, Lieut.-Comdr. E. A. Baird, Hongkong.
Crissy, 1st-class cruiser, 12,000 tons, Capt. Tudor, cruising.
Daphne, sloop, 1,140 tons, 8 guns, 2,000 i.h.p., Capt. Wm. C. Pakenham, Singapore.
Eclipse, 1st-class cruiser, 5,600 tons, 11 guns, 8,000 i.h.p., Capt. R. H. Stokes, Hongkong.
Endymion, 1st-class cruiser, 7,350 tons, 12,000 i.h.p., 12 guns, Capt. A. W. Paget, C.M.G., en route.
Eth, coast defence gunboat, 363 tons, 3 guns, 200 i.h.p., Lieut.-Comdr. W. Forbes, Chinkiang.
Fanti, twin screw, torpedo-boat destroyer, 360 tons, 6 guns, 5,400 i.h.p., Lieut. and Comdr. C. Mackenzie, D.S.O.
Firebrand, 3rd-class gunboat, 455 tons, 4 guns, 300 i.h.p., Lt. and Comdr. Beaty Pownall, Canton.
Glory, 1st-class flag ship, 12,500 tons, 16 guns, 13,500 i.h.p., Capt. A. Carter, Singapore.
Gothic, 1st-class battleship, 12,950 tons, 16 guns, 13,500 i.h.p., Capt. L. Wintz, Hongkong.
Hart, twin screw, torpedo-boat destroyer, 260 tons, 6 guns, 4,000 i.h.p., in reserve.
Handy, twin screw, torpedo-boat destroyer, 260 tons, 6 guns, 4,000 i.h.p., Lieut. and Comdr. G. C. Hardy.
Humber, storeship, 1,640 tons, 800 i.h.p., Com. H. J. Davidson, Hongkong.
Janus, torpedo-boat destroyer, 260 tons, 6 guns, 4,000 i.h.p., Lieut. and Comdr. G. C. Hardy.

Ocean, 1st-class battleship, 12,950 tons, 13,500 i.h.p., 16 guns, Capt. R. W. White, R.N., Practice.
Orlando, 1st-class cruiser, 5,600 tons, 12 guns, 8,500 i.h.p., Capt. J. H. Burke, C.B., Hongkong.
Otter, torpedo-boat destroyer, 350 tons, 6 guns, 6,300 i.h.p., Lieut. and Comdr. C. P. Mansel, Hongkong.
Phenix, sloop, 1,065 tons, 6 guns, 1,100 i.h.p., Comdr. S. T. Nicholson, Hankow.
Pique, 1st-class gunboat, 710 tons, 6 guns, 1,200 i.h.p., Lt. and Comdr. A. H. Oldham, Hongkong.
Pique, twin screw, 2nd-class cruiser, 3,600 tons, 8 guns, 7,000 i.h.p., Capt. H. C. Reynolds, Hongkong.
Plover, 1st-class gunboat, 435 tons, 6 guns, 1,200 i.h.p., Lieut.-Comdr. Watts Jones, en route Singapore.
Ramirez, surveying ship, 553 tons, 650 i.h.p., Capt. Morris H. Smyth, Hongkong.
Redpole, 1st-class gunboat, 805 tons, 6 guns, 1,200 i.h.p., Lieut.-Comdr. C. F. Corbett, Singapore.
Robur, gunboat, 85 tons, 2 guns, 240 i.h.p., Lieut.-Comdr. G. G. Westner, West River.
Rurari, sloop, 985 tons, 6 guns, 1,400 i.h.p., Comdr. A. W. Hamilton, Wei-hai-wei.
Sandpiper, British river-gunboat, 85 tons, 2 guns, 240 i.h.p., Lt.-Comdr. M. Lockhart, West River.
Snipe, river-gunboat, 85 tons, 2 guns, 240 i.h.p., Lieut. and Commander Daigley, Yangtze.
Swift, 2nd-class gunboat, 750 tons, 6 guns, 870 i.h.p., in reserve Hongkong.
Taku, torpedo-boat destroyer, 250 tons, in reserve Hongkong.
Talbot, 2nd-class cruiser, 5,600 tons, 11 guns, 8,000 i.h.p., Capt. F. G. Stopford, Hongkong.
Tamar, receiving ship, 4,600 tons, Commadore Powell, C.B., Hongkong.
Terrible, 1st-class battleship, 14,200 tons, 30 guns, 25,000 i.h.p., Capt. Percy Scott, C.B., Hongkong.
Tuesi, coast defence gunboat, 363 tons, 3 guns, 200 i.h.p., in Reserve Hongkong.
Waterwitch, surveying ship, 650 tons, 150 i.h.p., Lt.-Comdr. W. O. Lewis, Hongkong.
Whiting, twin screw, torpedo-boat destroyer, 601 tons, 6 guns, 6,000 i.h.p., in reserve.
Wierwa, coast defence ship, 2,750 tons, 4 guns, 8,000 i.h.p., in reserve Hongkong.
Woodcock, river-gunboat, 150 tons, 2 guns, 550 i.h.p., Lieut.-Comdr. Watson, Kiangkiang.
Woodlark, river-gunboat, 150 tons, 2 guns, 550 i.h.p., Lieut.-Comdr. H. E. Hillman, Yangtze.
 Torpedo-boats in Reserve Nos. 8, 35, 36, 37 and 38, first-class; and 3 second-class boats.

Miscellaneous.

Aspern, Austrian gunboat, 970 tons, Captain Heinrich, Singapore.
Holland, Dutch cruiser, 8 tons, 3,900 tons, 9,250 i.h.p., Capt. S. N. Sybrandt, Swatow.
Koningin Wilhelmina der Nederlanden, Dutch cruiser, 8 tons, 3,900 tons, 9,250 i.h.p., Capt. J. P. Kossan, Swatow.
Leopard, Austrian cruiser, 1,000 tons, Captain Müller, Saigon.
Liberal, Portuguese gunboat, 558 tons, Comdr. José da Cunha Lima, Macao.
Maria Theresa, Austrian cruiser, 10 tons, 5,900 tons, 9,755 i.h.p., Capt. V. Bless Ritter v. Sambuch, Shanghai.
Piet Hein, Dutch cruiser, 5 guns, 3,600 tons, 4,736 i.h.p., Capt. Jansen, Taku.
Zaire, Portuguese gunboat, 530 tons, Captain Mello, Macao.

FOREIGN MEN-OF-WAR ON THE CHINA AND JAPAN STATION.

The Russian Squadron.
Admiral Korotkiy, Russian armoured cruiser, 5,000 tons, twin screw, 36 guns, 9,500 h.p., Captain Jukovlev, at Nagasaki.
Admiral Nakhimov, Russian armoured cruiser, 28 guns, 9,000 tons, 8,000 h.p., Capt. Versholjkiy, at Tientsin.
Albatros, Russian gunboat, 810 tons, 8 guns, 1,200 h.p., Captain Eliskiy, at Nagasaki.
Bobrov, Russian gun-vessel, twin screw, 950 tons, 13 guns, 1,150 h.p., Captain Dobrovolsky, at Taku.
Dmitri Donskoy, Russian armoured cruiser, 6,000 tons, twin screw, 34 guns, 7,000 h.p., Comdr. Sharon, Singapore.
Gaidamak, Russian gunboat, 400 tons, twin screw, 18 guns, 3,500 h.p., Capt. Seretrennikoff, at Taku.
Grenatichy, Russian armoured cruiser, 1,192 tons, twin screw 12 guns, 2,000 h.p., Capt. Mikhashevsky, at Shanghai.
Koryeta, Russian cruiser, 1,200 tons, 9 guns, 2,150 h.p., Capt. Silmann, at Taku.
Mandjuri, Russian cruiser, 1,213 tons, twin screw, 14 guns, 4,500 h.p., Capt. Yakevoff, at Nagasaki.
Navarin, Russian battleship, 10,000 tons, 10 guns, 9,000 h.p., Capt. Yanish, at Nagasaki.
Nayevskiy, Russian cruiser, 1,334 tons, 14 guns, 1,800 h.p., Capt. Zarine, at Nagasaki.
Otvarin, Russian armoured cruiser, 1,490 tons, twin screw, 12 guns, 2,000 h.p., Captain Copronoff, at Shanghai.
Petrovskiy, Russian battleship, 12,000 tons, Capt. Grevais, at Nagasaki.
Polstava, Russian battleship, 10,960 tons, 11,255 h.p., 16 guns, Capt. Orgeroff, at Nagasaki.
Rossia, Russian armoured cruiser, 12,200 tons, 22 guns, 14,500 h.p., Capt. Domojinoff, at Nagasaki.
Roshaynik, Russian cruiser, 1,330 tons, 1,786 h.p., 11 guns, Capt. Kernusky, at Hongkong.
Rurik, Russian flag ship, 10,940 tons, armoured twin screw cruiser, 1st class, 48 guns, 13,500 h.p., Capt. Haupt, at Fort Arthur.
Sevastopol, Russian battleship, 10,900 tons, 13,000 i.h.p., 16 guns, Capt. Meleusky, at Nagasaki.
Slavich, Russian gunboat, 4 guns, 1,200 h.p., Capt. Barronoff, at Nagasaki.
Sissot Veliky, Russian battleship, 8,800 tons, 14 guns, 8,500 i.h.p., Capt.-Rassoff, at Manila.
Stovitch, Russian gunboat, 950 tons, twin screw 13 guns, 1,200 h.p., Capt. Soubatin, at Nagasaki.
Suevskiy, 1st class, Russian torpedo boat, 69 tons, 3 guns, 2 torp. tubes 780 h.p., speed 19.7 knots.
Vladimir Monomach, Russian cruiser, 6,000 tons, 16 guns, Prince Ouchtomsky, at Singapore.
Vostok, Russian torpedo gunboat, 4 guns, 650 h.p., Com. Molchouky, at Nagasaki.
Vladimir, Russian torpedo boat, 400 tons, 18 guns, twin screw, 1,500 h.p., Capt. Rogulin, at Taku.
Zablaka, Russian cruiser, 1,330 tons, 20 guns, 2,000 h.p., Capt. Shkurin, at Nagasaki.

(1st and 2nd class.)

Delphin, Russian torpedo boat, 350 tons, Capt. Novakovsky, at Shanghai.
Forel, Russian torpedo boat, 23 tons, 1 gun, 220 h.p., 16 knots.
Jantichik, Russian torpedo boat, 87 tons, 4 guns, 970 h.p., 19 knots.
Kasaka, Russian torpedo boat, 350 tons, Capt. Mouravieff, at Shanghai.
Kla, Russian torpedo boat, 350 tons, Captain Kivarsky, at Shanghai.
Nargen, Russian torpedo boat, 85 tons, 4 guns, 1,200 h.p., 22 knots.
Novorossiysk, Russian torpedo boat, 87 tons, 4

Podoromik, Russian torpedo boat, 23 tons, 1 gun, 220 h.p., 16 knots.
Sluk, Russian torpedo boat, 23 tons, 1 gun, 220 h.p., 16 knots.
Skaf, Russian torpedo boat, 350 tons, Captain Siminow, at Shanghai.
Skorpion, Russian torpedo boat, 23 tons, 1 gun, 220 h.p., 16 knots.
Sotchi, Russian torpedo boat, 87 tons, 4 guns, 970 h.p., 19 knots.
Som, Russian torpedo boat, 400, Capt. A. Giers, at Shanghai.
Sterlad, Russian torpedo boat, 23 tons, 1 gun, 220 h.p., 16 knots.
Strauss, Russian torpedo boat, 23 tons, 1 gun, 220 h.p., 16 knots.
Sungur, Russian torpedo boat, 140 tons, 4 guns, 1,800 h.p., 22 knots.

RUSSIAN TORPEDO FLOTILLA.

(SEA GOING.)

Berge, 1st class, Russian torpedo boat, 81 tons, 3 guns, 2 torp. tubes 1,100 h.p., speed 12 knots.
Reuch, 1st class, Russian torpedo boat, 96 tons, 3 guns, 2 torp. tubes 780 h.p., speed 22 knots.
Ussur, Russian torpedo boat, 140 tons, 4 guns, 1,800 h.p., 22 knots.
 * Flagship of Vice-Admiral Alexeeff.
 * Flagship of Rear-Admiral F. V. Dubosoff.
 * Flagship of Rear-Admiral Rezonoff.

THE GERMAN SQUADRON.

Bussard, German cruiser, 1,830 tons, 8 guns, Comdr. von Bassewitz, at Saigon.
 * *Fürst Bismarck*, German flag ship, 6,065 tons, 36 guns, Capt. Friederich, at Singapore.
Gefion, German cruiser, 4,109 tons, 10 guns, 9,000 h.p., Capt. Kammann, at Amoy.
Geier, German cruiser, 1,600 tons, 8 guns, Capt. Bauer, at Shanghai.
 * * *Hansa*, German cruiser, 6,800 tons, 30 guns, Capt. Paschen, at Woosung.
Hela, German despatch-vessel, 2,000 tons, 12 guns, Capt. Ramplod, at Woosung.
Hertha, German cruiser, 5,600 tons, 30 guns, Capt. Derewsky, at Saigon.
Ilis, German gunboat, 900 tons, 10 guns, Lieut.-Comdr. Schlämer, at Shanghai.
Irene, German cruiser, 4,200 tons, 8 guns, 2,930 h.p., Capt. Stein, at Nagasaki.
Jaguar, German gunboat, 1,000 tons, 10 guns, Capt. Berger, at Foochow.
Katerina Augusta, German cruiser, 6,331 tons, 30 guns, 14,500 h.p., Capt. Stein, at Amoy.
 * * *De Laubeck*, *Friedrich Wilhelm*, German battleship, 10,100 tons, 40 guns, Capt. von Holzdorff, at Woosung.
Lucis, German gunboat, 850 tons, 10 guns, Comdr. Daezhard, at Shanghai.
Schwabe, German cruiser, 1,120 tons, 8 guns, Comdr. Boerner, at Hankow.
Seeadler, German cruiser, 1,600 tons, 8 guns, Comdr. Schack, at Amoy.
Tiger, German gunboat, 950 tons, 10 guns, Comdr. von Mittelstall, at Hongkong.
Weissenburg, German battleship, 10,100 tons, 40 guns, Capt. Hofmeier, at Amoy.
Warta, German battleship, 10,100 tons, 40 guns, Capt. Borkenberger, at Taku.
K. F. Wilhelm, German battleship, at Nagasaki.
 No. 99, German torpedo-boat, 320 tons, Capt. Hoepfer, at Shanghai.
 No. 91, German torpedo-boat, 360 tons, Capt. Lieut. Püllen, at Shanghai.
 No. 92, German torpedo-boat, 320 tons, Capt. Friemrich, at Shanghai.
 * Flagship of His Excellency Vice-Admiral Bendemann.
 * Flagship of Rear-Admiral Geissler.
 * Flagship, Rear-Admiral Kipphoff.

THE FRENCH SQUADRON.

Alouette, gunboat, 200 tons, Lieut.-Comdr. Belloy, at Nagasaki.
Amiral Charner, 2nd-class cruiser, 4,800 tons, Capt. Bache, Saigon.
Bengali, 2nd class despatch-boat, Lt.-Comdr. De Laubeck, at Castries, at Nagasaki.
Bugard, 2nd-class cruiser, 4,000 tons, 19 guns, 9,000 i.h.p., Capt. Defevre, at Shanghai.
Chasteloup Laubais, 2nd-class cruiser, 3,725 tons, 9,000 i.h.p., 18 guns, Capt. Espinay St. Luc, en route Saigon.
Comete, gunboat, 600 tons, Capt. Loisel, at Canton.
Decedee, gunboat, 640 tons, Capt. Leameey, at Pakhoi.
 * *D'Entrecasteaux*, 1st class cruiser, 9,000 tons, 26 guns, 13,500 i.h.p., Capt. D. du Four, Tonkin.
Descares, 2nd class protected cruiser, 4,000 tons, 26 guns 631 i.h.p., Capt. L. de Saunay, at Saigon.
Eure, Dispatch-transport, Captain Vallée, at Saigon.
Friant, 3rd class cruiser, 3,900 tons, Capt. Adam, at Haiphong.
Jean Bart, 1st class cruiser, 4,500 tons, 10 guns, 8,000 i.h.p., Capt. Aubin, at Taku.
Kerlain, 3rd class cruiser, 1,300 tons, 13 guns, 2,200 i.h.p., Capt. de la Motte du Portail, at Saigon.
Lion, gunboat, 500 tons, 8 guns, 576 h.p., Capt. Becue, en route Saigon.
Pascal, 2nd-class protected cruiser, 4,000 tons, 36 guns, 9,000 i.h.p., Capt. M. Motet, at Shanghai.
Slyx, 3rd-class cruiser, 1,800 tons, Capt. Vincent, at Hongkong.
Surville, gunboat, 700 tons, 10 guns, 860 i.h.p., Capt. Mornet, at Shanghai.
Ville D'Alger, monitor, 944 tons, Captain Bomessaur, at Hongkong.
Vigore, gunboat, 400 tons, Captain G. del Villeneuve, at Foochow.
 * Flagship of Vice-Admiral Courrejollès.

THE AMERICAN SQUADRON.

Albany, U.S. cruiser, 3,500 tons, Comdr. J. E. Craig, at Manila.
Bemington, U.S. gunboat, 1,710 tons, 6 guns, 3,436 h.p., Comdr. C. H. Arnold, at Hongkong.
Brooklyn, Flagship, U.S. cruiser, 9,215 tons, Capt. C. C. Todd, en route Manila.
Callao, U.S. gunboat, 137 tons, 1 gun, 55 h.p., Lieut.-Comdr. C. B. Bradshaw, at Manila.
Castine, U.S. gunboat, 1,330 tons, 8 guns, 2,199 h.p., Comdr. S. W. Verry, at Shanghai.
Celtic, U.S. supply-ship, 6,423 tons, 1,890 h.p., Comdr. C. T. Forse, at Manila.
Concord, U.S. gunboat, 1,700 tons, 6 guns, 3,405 h.p., Comdr. H. G. Colby, at Manila.
Culgoa, U.S. supply-ship, 7,000 tons, 4,350 h.p., Comdr. J. W. Carlin, at Manila.
Don Juan de Austria, U.S. gunboat, 1,200 tons, Capt. Bowman, at Hongkong.
Glacier, U.S. supply-ship, Lieut.-Comdr. A. Mertz, at Hongkong.
Hela, U.S. gunboat, 1,397 tons, 8 guns, 1,998 h.p., Comdr. E. K. Moore, at Manila.
Iris, U.S. distilling-ship, 1,750 tons, 1,300 h.p., Capt. J. J. Meany, at Manila.
Isla de Luzon, U.S. gunboat, 1,330, Comdr. J. V. B. Bleeker, at Manila.
Kentucky, U.S. battleship, 11,500 tons, Capt. C. H. Stockton, at Amoy.
Manila, U.S. gunboat, 1,057 tons, 2 guns, 750 h.p., Lieut.-Comdr. A. P. Naro, at Manila.
Marble, U.S. gunboat, 1,000 tons, 1,500 h.p., 12 guns, Comdr. E. H. Green, at Canton.
Monadnock, U.S. double-turret